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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON NIXON VISIT

1. JIDDA NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRIED FOLLOWING STATEMENT  
BY FOREIGN MINISTER OMAR AL-SAQQAF TO THE SAUDI PRESS  
AGENCY, QUOTE:

THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON TO THE KINGDOM IS  
CONSIDERED THE FIRST VISIT MADE BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT  
TO THE KINGDOM, AND IS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE BONDS  
OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL AND  
PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON. THIS VISIT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE  
MOST BENEFICIAL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWPOINTS ON  
MANY POLITICAL MATTERS PERTINENT TO THIS AREA. WHEN I  
SAY "THIS AREA", I WISH TO EMPHASIZE HOW THE SAUDI  
ARABIAN VIEWPOINT COINCIDES WITH THE ARAB VIEWPOINT AS A  
WHOLE TOWARDS THE ENEMY'S ATTITUDE VIS-A-VIS THE ARAB

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AND ISLAMIC NATION.

QUOTE THE TALKS WILL DEAL WITH EXCHANGING VIEWPOINTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND WAYS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING AMERICAN EXPERTISE IN THE FIELDS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY. THIS IS THE KINGDOM'S OBJECTIVE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND WITH TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED STATES. THE KINGDOM STRIVES TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONS WITH FRIENDLY STATES WITHOUT LOSING ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND WHILE REMAINING ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH VARIOUS FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. WE HOPE THAT THIS VISIT WILL RESULT IN SAUDI-AMERICAN COOPERATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE ARAB NATION.

QUOTE NEITHER STABILITY NOR PROGRESS WILL BE ACHIEVED IN THE AREA UNTIL THE AGGRESSIVE ENEMY HAS BEEN CURBED AND HAS WITHDRAWN FROM ALL USURPED TERRITORIES AND THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN RESTORED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ARAB KINGS AND HEADS OF STATE AT THE ALGIERS SUMMIT.

QUOTE AMERICA IS CONSIDERED THE MOST POWERFUL AND MOST ADVANCED NATION IN THE WORLD. THE KINGDOM WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BENEFIT FROM THE AMERICAN EXPERTISE. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS VISIT WILL PRODUCE GOOD RESULTS FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ARABS, MUSLIMS, AND THE ENTIRE WORLD AS A WHOLE. END QUOTE.

2. ANOTHER ARTICLE IN TODAY'S PAPERS STATES THAT SAQQAF ARRIVED YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) IN BEIRUT, CARRYING VERBAL MESSAGES FROM KING FAISAL TO PRESIDENT FRANJIEH AND PRESIDENT ASAD.

3. COMMENT: THE STATEMENT IN THE FIRST SENTENCE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE VISIT QUOTE IT CONSIDERED THE FIRST VISIT.... TO THE KINGDOM UNQUOTE IS AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO THE 1944 MEETING ON THE U.S. QUINCY BETWEEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND KING ABDULAZIZ IBN SAUD. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DID NOT VISIT SAUDI ARABIA ITSELF.  
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4. WE REGARD SAQQAF'S STATEMENT AS TYPICAL OF SAG STATEMENTS MADE DURING RECENT MONTHS. ALL REPEAT THE SAG POSITION THAT WHILE THE BASIC FRIENDSHIP AND DESIRE TO COOPERATE ALREADY EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, TANGIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DESIRE TO COOPERATE REMAINS CLOSELY TIED TO PROGRESS TOWARD A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM. IT ALSO STRESSES THAT THE IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-SAG RELATIONS

SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS A BILATERAL MATTER UNDERTAKEN MERELY  
FOR SAUDI ARABIA'S OWN BENEFIT, BUT RATHER  
AS A DEVELOPMENT INTENDED TO BENEFIT ARAB NATIONS  
AS A WHOLE.  
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